

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: AUGUST 1, 2022**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice President Brad Bray, Member Jack Dodd, County Auditor Jessica Secrease, and County Attorney Alan Wilson.

The meeting was called to order by Major Cook and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and President Paul Wyman offered a word of prayer.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the July 18, 2022, regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray; Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECONGINITION:**

#### ***Pillar of the Community Award:***

The Howard County Commissioners presented Dick and Margi Moore with the Pillar of the Community Award. President Wyman stated that Dick and Margi are being presented with this award in recognition of 50 years of community service and giving back to the citizens of Howard County. Commissioner Dodd expressed how appreciative the community was towards Dick and Margi. Ms. Moore thanked the commissioners and stated that they were thrilled to be placed in this community.

### **IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:**

#### **HOWARD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

##### ***Design and Construction of the Salt Barn:***

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle stated that the Highway Department, with partnership with the Stormwater Department, would like to request proposals for a salt barn design and construction. Ms. Tolle stated that the Highway Department's existing salt barn is on its last leg and needs replaced. The Stormwater Department has found funds to help contribute to this project. Ms. Tolle would like to open the bids for this project on September 5, 2022, at the Commissioners' Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Bray to approve the bids going out for the construction of the salt barn with bids being due back by September 5, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. to be presented at the Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

##### ***Hot In-Place Bituminous Recycling:***

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle stated that she would like to advertise for bids for hot in-place bituminous recycling. The Highway Department has reached a limit of areas of the County to be able to repave the roads. The hot in-place bituminous recycling is a cost-effective solution and will help make the asphalt that is already in place stronger. Ms. Tolle would like to test this recycling method on six miles of road in the County and will then know if it is effective in the next two years. A motion was made by Commissioner Dodd to advertise for bids for the hot in-place bituminous recycling. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:**

#### ***State of Indiana Cyber-Ready Community Pilot:***

The State of Indiana Cybersecurity Director Chetrice Romero stated that her office would like to choose Howard County to test out their Cyber-Ready Community Pilot. The pilot will be used to test out how the State can be better in helping local governments with cybersecurity issues. The pilot is completely free but will take some time to run. A motion was made by Commissioner Dodd to approve Howard County to take part in the Cyber-Ready Community Pilot. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

***Inter-Local Government Agreement:***

President Paul Wyman presented the updated Inter-Local Government Agreement with Cass County. Howard County works with Cass County on the housing of inmates at the jail. The Inter-Local Government Agreement was approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:**

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on July 29, 2022, in the amount of \$899,353.92 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Payroll Expenses:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on July 29, 2022, in the amount of \$899,353.29 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid August 1, 2022, in the amount of \$2,036,929.01 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:**

***Ratify signature:***

Attorney Alan Wilson presented a petition of Howard County Board of Commissioners requesting an increase in the maximum ad valorem property tax levy. Mr. Wilson requested to ratify the petition with President Wyman's signature. This petition allows the Department of Local Government Finance to approve a one-time maximum property tax levy increase totaling \$98,000.00 in Howard County's ad valorem property tax levy. This petition was signed by President Wyman and approved by the County Council. President Wyman's signature being ratified on the petition was approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried.

***Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-35 – New Grant Fund: Health Issues and Challenges Grant:***

Attorney Alan Wilson presented Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-35 – An Ordinance of the Howard County Board of Commissioners to Create a New Grant Fund, the Health Issues and Challenges Grant. The grant will be established in the amount of \$71,772.01 for the Howard County Health Department. Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-35 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

***There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,  
the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd.  
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.***

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

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ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

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JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

**ATTEST:**

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JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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